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CONTINUUM OF CARE COORDINATED APPROACH TO PLANNING FOR HOUSING

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HUD Homeless Definition

Homeless Person

HUD Continuum of Care resources can be used to serve only people who are considered homeless according to the McKinney Act. Based on HUD regulations, a homeless person is someone who is:

- Living in places not meant for human habitation (streets, cars, parks);
- Living in an emergency shelter
- Living in transitional or supportive housing but originally came from the streets or shelter;

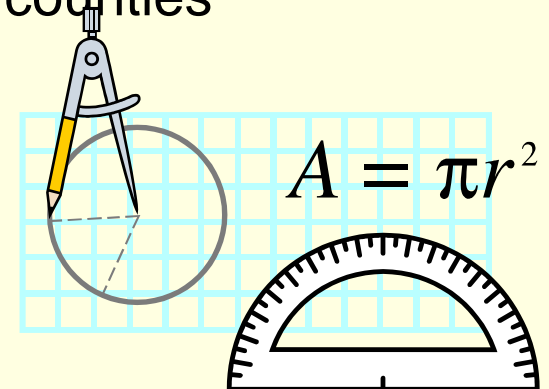


HUD Homeless Definition (cont)

- Living in any of the above but spending up to 30 consecutive days in an institution;
- Being evicted within a week and has no subsequent residence;
- Being discharged within a week from an institution (e.g. mental health or substance abuse in which the person has been a resident for more than 30 consecutive days and no subsequent residence has been identified and the person lacks the resources and support networks needed to obtain housing); or
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation and no subsequent residence has been identified.

STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

- Is a competitive process, not block granted as other funding
- Based on pro rata, which is a formula worked out in DC based on population and poverty – this year's share is \$2,515,862
- An additional amount may be awarded for a permanent housing project that is ranked #1. The maximum amount is 15% of the PNI.
- MO CoC covers 94 rural, non-metropolitan counties



CONTINUUM OF CARE(CONT)

- Federal Process started in 1993, MO process started in 1998
- Accomplishments thus far: Over 3.6 million has come to Missouri through the State CoC
- Overseen by Governor's Committee on Homelessness
- Sub – committee reads, scores and prioritizes proposals



WHAT DOES A CONTINUUM OF CARE PLAN DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

- Assess capacity and identify gaps
- Develop proactive solutions rather than reactive stop-gaps
- Identify common goals for which to advocate
- Increase community “buy-in” and access to mainstream resources
- Increase competitive advantage for receiving HUD McKinney Homeless Assistance funding



DEFINITION

“ A Continuum of Care Plan is a community based plan which coordinates a flexible delivery system of housing and services designed to meet the specific needs of homeless persons as they move from a homeless living situation to stable housing which maximizes their self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to alleviate homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness for persons completing the continuum”

TAC (Technical Assistance Collaborative)



Another look at the Definition

Is a:

- Community based plan
- Flexible delivery system
- Housing and services program

THAT

- Moves homeless persons to stable housing

AND

- Maximizes self-sufficiency



PURPOSE

- Is to fund projects
- That will fill gaps in locally developed CoC systems
- To assist homeless persons
- To move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing

******An important element of meeting this objective is to fund projects that will meet the Department's (HUD) goal of ending chronic homelessness.



STATE FACTS

- 2001 Missouri Association for Social Welfare (MASW) Homeless Study showed over 26,000 people in Missouri were homeless on any given day.

- More than 48,000 people may have experienced homelessness some time during 2001 in Missouri

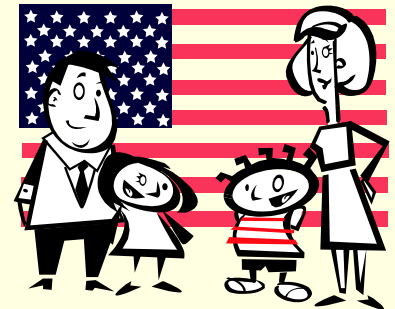
- Another 39,000 are estimated to be in over-crowded and doubled up living situations.

- Since the last study in 1998, homelessness in Missouri has increased by 42%.



The Continuum of Care serves three main objectives:

1. **Strategic plan for addressing homelessness in the community,**
 - based on the identified needs of homeless individuals and families,
 - the availability and accessibility of existing housing and services,
 - the opportunities for linkages with non-homeless mainstream housing and service resources;



CONT

- **Strategic process to develop a broad based, community wide, year round initiative;**
 - DMH facilitates quarterly regional meetings

Central, Northeast, North Central, Northwest,
West Central, East Central, Bootheel, Southeast,
South Central, Southwest,
- United Way in Cape Girardeau has a Housing Needs Coordinating Committee with paid staff

Three main objectives cont

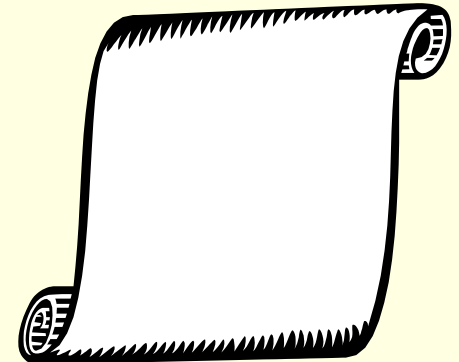
3. It is an application to HUD for homeless-targeted housing and services resources

- It is Exhibit 1
- It is written for you
- It is our responsibility
- Your input is needed and welcome



Continuum of Care

- Exhibit 1 – Continuum of Care strategy, including a description of the process used to create that strategy, and a list of the projects requesting funding, in order of priority.
- Exhibit 2 – Your proposal



The Three Programs of the Continuum of Care

- **Shelter Plus Care (SPC)** provides rental assistance for hard-to-serve homeless **persons with disabilities** in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program.



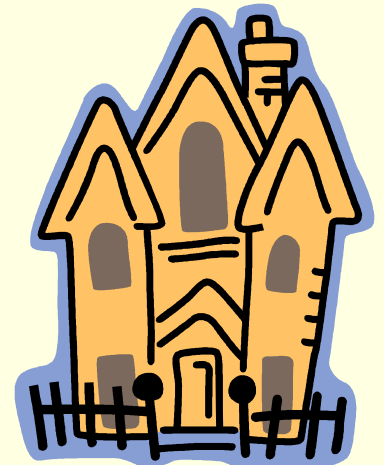
The Three Programs of the Continuum of Care (Cont.)

- **Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy Program (SRO)** provides Section 8 rental assistance for moderate rehabilitation of buildings with SRO units. A Public Housing Agency then makes rental assistance payments to the landlords for the homeless people who rent the rehabilitated units.



The Three Programs of the Continuum of Care (Cont.)

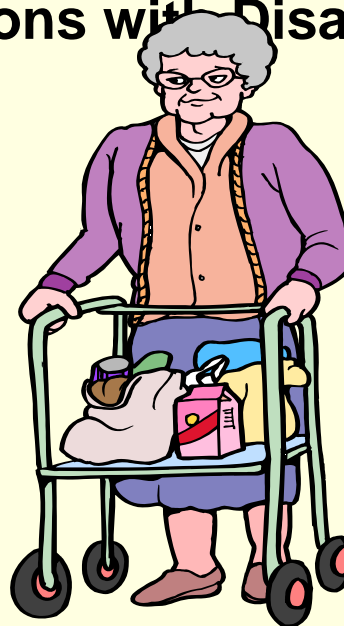
- **Supportive Housing Program (SHP)** promotes the development of supportive housing and services that help homeless persons transition from homelessness to living as independently as possible.



Supportive Housing Programs

5 Categories

- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing for **Persons with Disabilities**
- Supportive Services only
- Safe Havens
- Innovative



SUMMARY

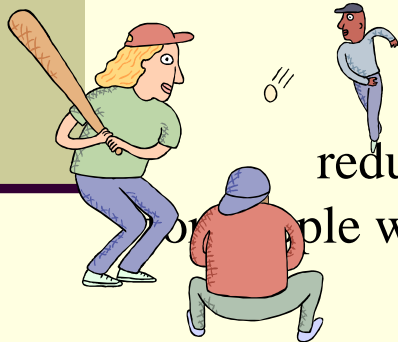
The Continuum of Care is more than just an application for HUD funds

It is more than just a planning process: it

- Creates linkages with other providers of housing and services
- Works collaboratively with other key players to reduce fragmentation and duplication of services

for people who are homeless with serious mental

illnesses



SUMMARY (Cont.)

- teaches about other community resources,
new opportunities
mainstream funding sources
- receive support and assistance in making its programs work more effectively

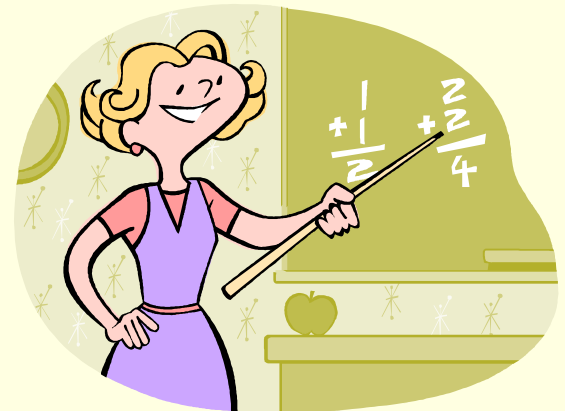


EXHIBIT 2

- Supportive Housing
Program Application

Projects under SHP are classified as follows

- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing for persons with disabilities
- Supportive Services Only
- Safe Haven
- Innovative Supportive Housing



Transitional Housing

- Facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing within 24 months
- This is temporary housing, combined with supportive services to enable homeless individuals and families to live as independently as possible.

Transitional Housing (Cont.)

Supportive services help promote:

- Residential Stability
- Increase of Skills, Levels and/or Income
- Greater Self-Determination
- Transitional housing can be provided in one structure or several structures at one site or in multiple structures at scattered sites

Permanent Housing for persons with Disabilities

Is long term housing

- Community-based housing
- Supportive services as described in Transitional housing
- Designed to enable homeless persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible
- Can be provided in one structure or several



Permanent Housing for persons with Disabilities

- Person with a mental illness
- Substance or alcohol problem
- Developmental disability
- HIV/AIDS or related diseases



Supportive Services Only

- Project provide services designed to address the special needs of the homeless person
- Projects are classified as this component **only** if the project is not also providing or operating the housing for the same person receiving the services
- Must describe how housing is being provided

Safe Haven

- No limit on length of stay
- Provide 24-hours residence
- Serve hard to-reach homeless persons who have severe mental illness and have been unable or unwilling to participate in services
- Provide private or semiprivate accommodations
- Have overnight occupancy limited to 25 persons



Safe Haven

- Safe Havens do not require participants in services and referrals as a conditions of occupancy
- Safe Havens can serve as an entry point to the services system and provide access to basic services
- May also provide supportive services to eligible persons who are not residents, on a drop-in-basis

Innovative Supportive Housing

- Enables the applicant to design a supportive housing project for homeless persons that is outside the scope of the other SHP components.
- A project is innovative when the particular approach is new to the area and can be replicated in other communities
- The project must be determined by HUD to be innovative or it will be rejected from competition

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